

Art Unit: 2612

Substance of Interview

Applicant proposed to amend the independent claims to add the limitation of "and without the need to maintain actuation of the close button to effect closure of the barrier." The examiner noted that while Tolson may disclose holding the button down, neither Kaplan nor Heitschel require holding the button down to effect closure. The examiner also pointed out that Kaplan is not limited solely to generating different resistance levels. Further consideration and search by the examiner is required because the proposed amendment adds language that was not previously claimed. Therefore, applicant's representative proposed that an RCE will be filled and the examiner will formally consider the amendment at that time.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin C. Holloway, III whose telephone number is (571) 272-3058. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 to 5:30.

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